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WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
June 27, 1997

Fun at The Field!

Start the holiday weekend at the Museum with an evening of African and Carribean song and dance, then stay downtown for the fireworks! On Thursday July 3, The Field Museum will kick-off its summer program of Field Nights with the Muntu Dance Theater, Stereo Band and traditional Garifuna drummers performing in Stanley Field Hall. Starting at 5:00 p.m., you can enjoy ethnic cuisine and drinks provided by Lettuce Off-Premise Catering. McDonald's will also be open. The entertainment begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. This promises to be a lively evening, so invite your friends and family to join in the festivities.

In conjunction with the city's Downtown Thursday Night program, The Museum will offer Field Nights from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. each Thursday through August (excluding July 10). A different region of the world will be highlighted each week in both the performances and the dinner menus. On those nights, general admision to the Museum will be free to the public. With groups as diverse as the Kokyo Taiko Drums and the Trinity Irish Dance Co., there is something for everyone to enjoy, so mark your calendar now.

All staff and volunteers invited! Bring a friend!

Welcome!

Christy MacLear began as Museum Campus Coordinator on May 27, working for all three museums (Field, Shedd, Adler). She has worked in community development in Florida, and was most recently Director of New Business Ventures for the Museum of Science and Industry. As Campus Coordinator she is responsible for: coordinating communication to and from external parties during campus construction; identifying and leading campus-wide teams to develop new and unique programs for the Campus after its opening; and facilitating the evaluation of shared services and contracts between all three institutions. Christy's office is in the old Archives space on the ground floor (x399).

Felisia Wesson joined the Museum on June 23 as General Counsel. Felisia comes to the Museum from Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where she served as legal counsel practicing primarily in the areas of corporate, securities and finance. Felisia is a native Chicagoan who is pleased to be returning to the city in her new position at the Museum. She is located in the President's Office suite (x882).

Please join me in welcoming Christy and Felisia. -- **John McCarter**

Good-bye & good luck, Jennifer!

Dear All:

As many of you know, I will be leaving employment with the Museum on Thursday, July 3, 1997. I have enjoyed my work at the Museum immensely and have valued the opportunity to get to know many of you and be in a position to help you with your benefits. It's been a great six-plus years!

And so it is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that I leave the Museum. I have accepted a position in the Benefits Design and Planning Division of Allstate Insurance Company -- a position which, I am hoping, will provide me with broader opportunities within a larger organization.

I will take with me many happy and treasured memories of my experiences at the Museum and will miss seeing all of you every day. I offer my best wishes to each of you and to The Field Museum.

Jennifer Noe

LIFE INSURANCE NOTICE

For those staff who have life insurance deductions for supplemental coverage, your deductions may increase as a result of either an age change or an increase in salary. The July 4, 1997 paycheck will reflect any adjustments to the supplemental life insurance deductions following the addition of merit increases. Please call **Jennifer Noe** (x526) of you have any questions.

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at 12 noon.

SANTA'S VILLAGE AND RACING RAPIDS ACTION PARK HAVE SUMMER DISCOUNT COUPONS

Discount coupons are now available in the Human Resources Department for savings on admissions to Santa's Village or Racing Rapids. You can receive $3.00 off on a regular or combination ticket. These coupons are valid through the 1997 season. We have a limited amount of tickets and they will be distributed on a first-come basis. So go enjoy the summer fun without paying a summer price!

The Chase is on!

Starting Wednesday, July 9, 1997, Field Museum staff will gather at the north door for a practice run along the lake front.

Why? Because on Thursday, August 7, 1997 many Field Museum workers will participate in an evening of fun and support of a worthy cause -- the ***1997 Chase Corporate Challenge*** in Grant Park, to include a 3.5 mile run/walk; a 6:45 Men's Start; and the 7:05 Women's Start .

Proceeds raised from the Challenge will support the Pooler-Montgomery Foundation. The Foundation is orgainizing inner-city after school running programs at a number of grammar schools throughout the Chicagoland area.

The Museum will cover the registration fee, and will provide food and beverages for all who paticipate. A nominal fee will be requested for the Museum Team T-shirt. Please call **Cindy Andresen** (x870) for more information or to sign up.

Register on or before July 15!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 M.Ransom; JST 8:30am-11:30am (MR) **TASTE OF CHICAGO**	2 **TASTE OF CHICAGO**	3 Museum Open to Public; 5-9pm **TASTE OF CHICAGO**	4 Fourth of July **TASTE OF CHICAGO**	5 **TASTE OF CHICAGO**
6 **TASTE OF CHICAGO** *SF-Postal Service Rodeo* *SF- Soccer*	7 *SF-Ride and Drive*	8 Collections Comm.- Searle Lounge 5:30-7:30 pm Anthro Lecture – Bob Pickering 6:00 pm MR	9 *SF-Ride and Drive*	10 6:00pm-10:30pm Sir Speedy; SFH/balcony 800 MR	11 Chicago Yacht Club; JST 5:00pm-6:00pm; 500	12 Metzler & Assoc.; SFH; 300 T-Cynthia Educ-Dino Lect-Tom Mitchell 2:00 pm *SF-Sports Festival*
13 *SF-Sports Festival*	14	15 MR	16	17 Museum Open to Public; 5-9pm MR	18 *SF-Ride and Drive* *SF-Festival*	19 6T-Cynthia -First Source Educ-Dino Lecture-Greg Buckley 2:00 pm *SF-Ride and Drive*
20 *SF-Ride and Drive*	21	22 President's Dinner; Rice 6:00pm-9:00pm; 40 MR	23	24 Museum Open to Public; 5-9pm MR Educ-Heirloom Garden Lecture-Mayo Underwood 6:00 pm	25 Overnight	26 **Venetian Night**
27 *SF-Soccer*	28	29 MR	30	31 Museum Open to Public; 5-9pm MR		

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"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Adam Shapiro	617	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} Exhibits Dept.
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} consulted prior to confirmation

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)
P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)
S = Special Events

Free for staff & volunteers
DINOSAUR DIGNITARIES: LIFESTYLES OF THE FOSSILIZED & FAMOUS LECTURE SERIES

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime dinosaur lecture series offered in conjunction with the "Dinosaur Families" exhibit. Hear the Museum's own own **Greg Buckley** discuss the fossils discovered in Madagascar and meet paleontologists including Jack Horner and Paul Sereno. Call **Sandra Blake** (x854) for a lecture series flyer and to receive your free ticket.

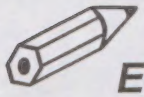
Dinosaur Lives
Jack Horner
Saturday, June 28
2:00 p.m.

Imaginary Dinosaurs
W.J.T. (Tom) Mitchell
Saturday, July 12
2:00 p.m.

The Age of Reptiles on the Great Red Island
Greg Buckley
Saturday, July 19
2:00 p.m.

Flying Dinosaurs? You Bet!
Paul Sereno
Saturday, August 9
2:00 p.m.

CALENDARS ENCLOSED
There are actually two different Museum calendars enclosed in this week's issue of the *Natural News.* There is so much going on at the Museum that it doesn't fit on a single calendar, so one calendar gives the events in the lecture halls and classrooms, and the other is for other space.



EDUCATORS' BREAKFAST A SUCCESS!

Chicago-area educators didn't let the rain or parking keep them away from the "Educators' Dinosaur Egg Breakfast" last Saturday morning! More than ninety educators came to view "Dinosaur Families" and "Dino Dig." **Greg Buckley** (Geology) spoke to the dinosaur enthusiasts about Egg Mountain and the field of paleontology. Door prizes were provided by the Amoco Foundation in their ongoing support of Education. Education staff and volunteers on hand to welcome and educate the attendees included **Mary Ellen Munley, Peter Laraba, Maureen Ransom, Gertrude Novak, Trish Dalton, Dan Brinkmeier,** and **Charles Grantham.** Thanks to everyone including **Liz Events, Housekeeping, Security, Photography, A.V.** and **Visitor Services** for their support.

Many thanks!

To the **Library staff** for so graciously hosting the Board of Trustees meeting on June 9. **Ben Williams** and **Mickey Calhoun** were unflagging in their patience and attention to detail. Preparations for the meeting disrupted the Library's operations for several days, so the cooperation of the staff was all the more appreciated. -- **Carolyn Klyce**

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

KUSIMBA IN NATURAL HISTORY

Assistant Curator **Chap Kusimba** (Anthropology) is the author of a feature article recently published in the June issue of *Natural History* magazine. In "A Time Traveler in Kenya," Chap writes about his archeological work in his native Kenya, and how his upbringing and stories of his ancestors as told by his grandfather and others influenced his career and research focus. Chap is now working to assemble an accurate chronology of Swahili civilization along the coast of Eastern Kenya. For several years he has been excavating Mtwapa, a coastal settlement nine miles north of Mombasa that was inhabited from 1100 to 1750. His research will help provide a greater understanding of the complex origins and development of the Swahili states.

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

STANLEY TO TEACH COURSE IN TANZANIA

Collection Manager **Bill Stanley** (Zoology, Mammals) was recently invited to teach a three-week course on biodiversity of small mammals in Tanzania. The course is being organized by the Wildlife Conservation Society and will involve ecologists from the Tanzanian National Park and students and faculty from the University of Dar es Salaam. Bill and his colleagues will also survey the small mammals in the Nguru Mountains as part of a long term study of the Eastern Arc mountains.

SUMMERTIME SPIDERS RESEARCHER IN INSECTS

The Insect Division welcomes **Linda L. Strain,** who is working with Adjunct Curator **Petra Sierwald** (Zoology, Insects) for the summer on the Swallow Cliff project. Linda is a special education teacher in LaPorte, Indiana and has a long-standing interest in spiders. Her proposal: "Silken Lifelines" was funded and she was awarded a fellowship in the Lilly Foundation Teacher Creativity Fellowship program. Linda is currently busy sorting the spiders from Swallow Cliff and will work next on identifying them. With her efforts, work on the Swallow Cliff spiders is progressing faster than expected. Later this summer, Linda will join Petra at the Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society in Dickinson, North Dakota.

MAMMALOGY PROGRAMS IN OKLAHOMA

The Field Museum's mammalogy programs were well represented at the American Society of Mammalogists annual meeting at Oklahoma State University, June 14-18. In addition to MacArthur Curator **Bruce Patterson**, Associate Curator **Larry Heaney** and Collection Manager **Bill Stanley,** also actively involved were students **Joe Walsh, Link Olson, Melissa Morales-Cogan** and **Kate Lyons** (University of Chicago), **Doreen Covey and Ginny Turner-Erfort** (University of Illinois at Chicago), and **John Ososky** (Northern Illinois University). All staff and most students presented papers. Top honors for the meeting went to fourth-year student Link Olson, who is currently the Museum's Armour Fellow. Link earned a $1,000 grant-in-aid of research from the Society for studies of chromosomal evolution in Madagascar's tenrecs. In addition, Link was awarded the Society's highest honor for students, the Shadle Fellowship. This award carries a hefty and unrestricted $3,200 award for research and the opportunity to present a plenary address at the meeting next year. In other matters, his adviser Bruce Patterson was elected to his third term on the American Society of Mammal's Board of Directors.

At the meeting, the Society's ten-year survey of systematic collections was released. Over the last decade, The Field Museum's mammal collection has become the fourth largest in the Americas (passing the University of Kansas and University of Michigan and trailing Smithsonian, American Museum and Museum of Vertebrate Zoology collections in size), although the geographic and taxonomic scope of our collection continues to rank third nationally. Five other collections grew more rapidly than The Field Museum's over the period 1975-1995. In order, they were: Smithsonian, Museum of Southwestern Biology, Carnegie Museum, Los Angeles County Museum, and Texas Tech University).

WELCOME TO ANDREW DOUGLAS

The Department of Academic Affairs welcomes Post-doctoral Research Associate **Andrew Douglas** (Botany) to The Field Museum. Andrew will be doing botanical and paeleobotanical post-doctoral research in the Botany and Geology Departments focusing on the evolution and diversification of angiosperms (flowering plants). Andrew returns to Chicago having completed a three year post-doctoral fellowship at the Royal Botanic Gardens and the University of Melbourne, Australia. He received his Ph.D. in Botany from Louisiana State University. Andrew may be reached at x730 in Botany.